

29 October 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Messrs. [redacted]
Services Branch, to discuss [redacted] trip to Okinawa

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1. [redacted] will leave Washington 31 October and proceed to the Western Ocean Division, U.S. Army Engineers, Sausalito, California, to discuss the Okinawa project with them.

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2. He departs on 4 November for Honolulu and Kauai, T.H. His primary mission in Kauai is:

a. To determine what equipment, property, etc., presently used at the Kauai station can be properly and economically transferred to Okinawa.

b. To explore with the U.S. Army Engineers in Honolulu and other appropriate officials the problems involved in closing down the Kauai station. In this connection, immediately upon his return from California [redacted] should prepare a message to [redacted] giving as complete instructions as possible as to what technical equipment and property at Kauai is suitable for transfer to Okinawa.

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3. [redacted] leaves Hawaii on the 11th and arrives in Tokyo on the 14th. His stay in Tokyo is indefinite. He will proceed to Okinawa in time to arrive there by the time the contractors start work or by the time the first shipment of supplies arrive. In this connection [redacted] stated that our requisition for Okinawa is 97% complete. Some of the uncompleted items are dictionaries and other things which will not slow down the construction. It was not clear to me nor was it clear to the other persons present at this meeting just what our plans for office furniture for Okinawa are. [redacted] should clarify this immediately upon his return. It was understood and agreed by all present that it would not be necessary for [redacted] to remain on Okinawa during the entire construction period and that after he had assisted Messrs. [redacted] in the initial phases the project could be left in their hands.

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